

CLINTON HILL NEWS

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All Members!

General Meeting

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1964-65

Installation by Ronald Owens, Esq., Attorney
and Member, Newark Board of Education

Thursday, January 9, 1964

8 - 10 p.m.

at the Clinton Branch Library, 739 Bergen St.
between W. Sigelaw and W. Hargan Streets

Members with cars will be happy to drive other members
to their homes after the meeting is over.

NOMINATE OFFICERS FOR 1964-65

PRESIDENT L. B. JOHNSON HONORS CLINTON HILL!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) - President Lyndon B. Johnson honored Clinton Hill in a public ceremony today before assembled guests.

He paid tribute to Clinton Hill's bravery during the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Hill ran to the Presidential limousine and shielded Mrs. Kennedy from possible further shots.

Clinton J. Hill has been a member of the U.S. Secret Service for 12 years.

BUDGET HEARINGS IN CITY HALL

Although most working people will not be able to attend, the city's budget hearings will be held early in January according to the following schedule.

They begin about 10 a.m. and continue into the afternoon as needed. Inquire in City Hall on Broad St. as to the exact room they are held in.

- Jan. 2 - Newark Public Library, Museum, Hospitals and Institutions.
- Jan. 3 - Finance, Water Supply
- Jan. 6 - Public Works, Public Buildings, Streets, Sidewalks, Bldg. Construction, Sanitation and Sewers.
- Jan. 7 - Health and Welfare, Public Assistance.
- Jan. 8 - Dept. Public Works, Baths and Pools, Parks, Div. of Motors.
- Jan. 9 - Dept. of Police, Traffic, and Signals.
- Jan. 10 - Newark City Hospital.

Officials complain that citizens don't attend these hearings. Maybe they want us there. Even though the times are not the best, try to attend. Any citizen may ask questions about the proposed budget and how the money will be spent.

When the new tax bills are mailed out next May and June, it will be too late to complain.

Make sure we get dollar's worth of services for each dollar spent - NOW!

Call Mrs. Hayman, 371-0822 for more information.

Committee offers Candidates for Members' Choice at January 9 Election Meeting

A complete slate of officers will be presented to CHNC members on Jan. 9 by the Nominating Committee for election to serve in the 1964-65 term. The 5-member committee was headed by Arthur Hayman and appointed by outgoing president Mrs. Louise Patterson.

Additional nominations from the floor may be made by any paid-up member in attendance.

The suggested slate follows:

President: Mrs. Rose Hayman, 874 S. 16 St.

Vice Presidents:

Mrs. Genevieve Woods, 136 Hillside Ave.

Stanley B. Winters, 26 Stanley

Mrs. G. Washington, 855 S. 14

Benjamin Warren, 755 Hunterdon

Mrs. John Walker, 46 Seymour

Mrs. E.L. Fortar, 863 S. 15

Louis Pitts, 38 Farley Ave.

Mrs. Louise Patterson, 721

Hunterdon Street

Mr. Livingston, 211 Hillside

Arthur Hayman, 874 S. 16 St.

(The nominating committee recommended that 10 vice presidents be elected this year, the number above.)

Treasurer: Lee Curvin, C.P.A. 41 Baldwin

Financial Sec'y: Mrs. Arabella Young, 95 Tremay

Secretary: Mrs. Helen Winters, 26 Stanley

Corres. Sec'y: Mrs. Mary Reeves, 755 S. 14

Paid-up Members Vote!

All members who have paid-up for 1963 may vote in this election.

Dues are now due for 1964, so bring your \$1.00 membership to the meeting and get your new card.

If you can't attend, mail it to 26 Stanley Ave. and your card will be mailed in return.

The nominating committee has worked long and hard to get qualified and interested people to serve. Come out and show your appreciation on January 9th.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND
DECENT JOBS AND HOUSING TO ALL!

What News Readers Have to Say

New Industrial Space for Newark, *Supporting* The News, *Other* To *Use*

Clinton Hill Project

To the Editor:

Re—The city's decision to begin development of the meadows for early industrial use is most welcome. In the 1,700 acres to be made ultimately available there will be space not only for the relocation of plants in Newark to be displaced by urban renewal but also for many new plants that will be attracted to the city. Newark's industrial space needs will be met for many years. The cost of preparing the meadows will probably come to one-half or less than the cost of preparing city land for similar use because no houses or businesses now stand there.

Most of all, the absence of people living on the meadows will eliminate costly and spending relocation procedures. The next logical step for the city is to further amend the proposed reuse of the Clinton Hill Light Industrial Project by reducing the number of families that will be displaced, a maximum of 4,000 at present. For when this figure is added to the 6,000 or more families in the path of projected superhighways, the upheaval in Newark's family and community life will be vast indeed. And all in the coming decade.

Such an amendment, permitting would existing industrial uses to remain and modernize, rehabilitating as much sound housing as possible, and replacing poor housing which now exists with new and better housing, will make the Clinton Hill project much more acceptable. This would be a logical follow-through to the meadowland redevelopment plan.

Newark. STANLEY B. WINTERS.

NEWARK EVENING NEWS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1963

They Like Newark

Most Clinton Hill Folk for Staying

A private survey of 400 homes in a Clinton Hill area surrounding the urban renewal has revealed that two-thirds of the residents want to remain in Newark and live in an integrated neighborhood, it was reported yesterday.

The survey was conducted by

the last month by two men from the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council and the Newark Essex chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality. The two groups said their interviewers visited a random sampling of households on every street in the N-Block area that has been declared blighted by the city.

The two organizations said the survey also showed that most residents of the area do not want to live in high-rise housing projects and that most of the owners would be willing to make repairs.

The survey was concentrated in an area scheduled for clearance for light industrial development. The two groups estimated that some 80 per cent of the 20,000 persons in the area—most of them Negro—would be displaced by the project. The blight declaration is the subject of a case before the Appellate Division of Superior Court and also of negotiations between the neighborhood council and the city administration.

CHNE and the CREC reported that 30 per cent of those questioned said they wanted to remain in Newark if they were forced to move, while 20 per cent said they would leave the city.

More than 100 residents said they would move to an integrated neighborhood, while only a dozen individuals voiced preference for an all-white or all-Negro section.

Only one in every 30 persons said he would be willing to move into a high-rise housing project and six out of 10 said they would or want to move into any kind of public housing.

All but 11 of 41 property owners told the interviewers they would be "willing and able to make necessary repairs and improvements . . . if the city insisted."

On another point, more than 80 per cent of the residents said their present homes are convenient to their churches and more than 70 per cent said they lived near their work, their social activities and friends.

Clinton Hill Council to appeal 'blight' ruling

Trial is a lawsuit challenging Newark's designation of a 74-block area in Clinton Hill and the Central Ward as "blighted" will take place before the Appellate Division of the Superior Court on Monday, December 16, at 10 a.m.

The suit, filed by seven Clinton Hill residents, was an outgrowth of a widespread protest against the "blight" procedures used by the city and the Newark Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and against re-use of a 250-acre site around the Jersey Avenue spur of the Pennsylvania Railroad for light industry.

The case was originally heard before Judge John F. Crane of Superior Court in 1962. He found that "substantial evidence" existed that the area was in fact "blighted" within the meaning of the law. The appeal was filed last fall.

ATTORNEYS FOR THE plaintiffs are Seymour Margulies and Felix Hammer, both of Jersey City. The plaintiffs include Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webster, 722 Bergen St.; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Winters, 26 Shadley Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Frazier, 129 Ridgewood Ave.; and Mrs. Mabel Lyons, 182 Ridgewood Ave. Under a directive from Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio, who took office after the "blight" decision was rendered, the Housing Authority revised its plans but not enough to induce the plaintiffs to drop the suit.

The Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council, which is back-

ing the suit, has protested that about 10,000 persons would be displaced by the project and that enough open land exists in other parts of Newark to take care of industrial needs.

In June, 1962 the council issued a report prepared for it by a New York planning consultant who found the area unsuited for large-scale industrial redevelopment, but that existing industries should be allowed to remain and encouraged to modernize.

IN A LETTER TO THE Clinton Hill group last October, Mayor Addonizio said that he would withhold a decision as how to proceed until the lawsuit was settled. The group has vowed to continue its fight until "wholesale disruption of community life" is "no longer threatened by the reuse plan and 'full citizen participation' is introduced into Newark's urban renewal program.

Boundaries of the "blighted area" are 17th Ave., Watson Ave., Bergen St. and Belmont Ave.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1963

NEWARK EVENING NEWS.

Meadow Plan Is Supported

The Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council yesterday hailed a recent determination by the Central Planning Board that recommended a blight declaration for the proposed meadowlands urban renewal project.

The neighborhood group, however, said it would appeal to the City Council to modify the area to exclude residential blocks.

Mrs. Louise Patterson, CINC president, said "The speedy determination by the Planning Board is good news, because the meadowlands are developed, the pressure will relax on areas like Clinton Hill for putting new industry in the heart of the city."

The Clinton Hill area is the site of a proposed light industrial project currently the subject of litigation.

Mrs. Patterson said the interests in the Clinton Hill area "must not be needlessly sacrificed for so-called community good when alternatives exist, such as the meadowlands project, which will entail wholesale uprooting of families and small businesses."

She said, however, that residential sections of the meadowlands should be deleted, adding "they amount only to a half dozen blocks" and that the project would not be affected by them.

NEIGHBORHOOD DOINGS

...Mrs Louise Patterson, president of the CHNC, underwent surgery in December and is convalescing at 721 Hunterdon St., RI 2-5938... Thaddeus Igle of 29 Stanley Ave., whose son played the piano at our last Birthday Party sold his house last month and moved away. He wanted to stay in Clinton Hill but the high taxes on his property, he told friends, made it impossible to maintain his home... He will be missed...

...Mrs. Bettie Battle, 110 Chadwick Ave., spoke before the Siding Board in December in opposition to renewal of the variance on Bergen Motors, next door to the U S Post Office. Mrs Battle, as so many other residents have, complained that the autos frequently blocked the sidewalks and that water used to wash the cars poured over the sidewalks into the street. The variance was renewed anyway 4-0. The City Council will next have to hear the case on January 2, Thursday, at about 8 p.m. Interested persons may speak...

...Mrs. Battle was also a member of a CHNC delegation that visited two Clinton Hill merchants asking them to approve the appearance of their stores. Other delegation members included Stanley S. Platts, Louise Patterson, and Roberta Landwehr. One of the merchants had neglected to fix up his old burnt out building on Clinton and Chadwick Avenues. When told that a picket line would appear the following week unless he began repairs, he shouted "Get out! I'll do what I want!" But repairs were begun three days later...

... End-of-year Holiday Parties have been held by several block-branches. Among those reported to this editor were Baldwin Avenue at Mrs. Roundtree's and Treacy Ave. at Mr. W. Brothers'... Peabody North also had a lovely party, well attended...

...Many Stanley Ave. residents are now sorry they didn't support the block-branch's effort to get every property owner to chip in to get snow-pile service this winter so the sidewalks and driveways would be cleared by machine. Only about 1/3 of the owners signed up, and 90 per cent were needed to cover the cost of the cooperative service... For those interested in fighting for badly needed improved schools, the CHNC Education Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 6, at 754 South 15 St., Mrs. Tallick's home. All are welcome...

... A new Millington Block-Branch has been formed with the assistance of Arthur Heyman, CHNC vice-president. Officers are Robert Lucas, Mrs. Janet White, Forville Langston, and Mrs. Rosa Van Dusk. Delegates to the Council Assembly are Dr. Lucas, Robert Walmsley, and Dr. Phelps. On the welcoming committee are Mrs. L. Daniels and Mrs. A. Walmsley. Congratulations!...

Mrs. Rosa Heyman, vice president of the CHNC, spoke in behalf of the Clinton Avenue merchants who for years have been asking for parking relief on Clinton Avenue but with no response from the city. She spoke at the City Council meeting in November. The Council passed an ordinance relaxing parking restrictions in the morning on Clinton Ave. but it is still not in effect because the State has to approve it...

...It seems that when neighborhood small businessmen want something done to help them, it takes years for the city to act, if it ever does. But when downtown big businessmen want something done, the city, the Newark Housing Authority, the newspapers, and everyone else jumps all over each other to do it...

...Stan Winters, CHNC vice president and chairman of the Save Our "Knox Committee, spoke on the light industrial "blight" case in December before the Metropolitan Conference on Civil Rights Action in Harlem. It seems that in New York people have let "blight" decisions go ahead and fought for a decent urban renewal only on the re-use plan. But usually with little success. The Clinton Hill struggle is the most important one of its kind in the whole country, people at the conference agreed... A Clinton Hill resident had been appointed post master of the Roosevelt Station in Newark, the first of his race to get such a job in this city. He is Thomas W. Simmons of 96 Ridgewood Avenue. There are many other long-time postal workers around who deserve recognition... Deep thanks are expressed by the editor to two weekly newspapers that really serve the community: the New Jersey Herald and the N. J. Afro American. These papers have carried factual stories on the Clinton Hill light industrial "blight" lawsuit, which none of the two daily newspapers would carry. In fact, the Newark News seems to have put a blanket on the case and its importance in order to support its avowed editorial position in favor of the project...

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